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For: Improved Decorative Clasp System	)	Carlsbad, California

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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